

AN AFRICAN METROPOLIS.

American Women in the City of Tunis—Oriental Bazaars at Their Best, or Worst—Where the Author of "Home Sweet Home," Was Buried.

Special Correspondence.

THIS busy metropolis, with its immense home trade and foreign commerce, its motley population of nearly two hundred thousand, and its swarming bazaars in which everything under the sun is exposed for sale in the open street, presents a series of surprises to the stranger.

Like most oriental towns, "Tunis" lends enchantment to the view. Seen from the Gulf of Tunis—ten miles away as the crow flies, and sixteen by the railway—it is a veritable dream city, "with battlements high in the hush of the air and the turrets thereon." Its white houses rising in tiers and with a background of dark hills and olive groves. To the southward, a broad and fertile plain, cultivated to the utmost with wheat, corn, cotton and tobacco, stretches to a bold range of mountains, and close by, on either hand, glisten the waters of the great salt lagoons, between which the city stands on its narrow isthmus.

The Tunis of other days had a circumference of about five miles, enclosed within double walls, the outer ramparts pierced by four imposing gates; the inner walls, which were very high and massive, by six gates. The greater portion of these ancient defences long since disappeared. The marine gate stands still by itself—a lofty and picturesque landmark, but of no possible use, since the walls on both sides, which once gave it raison d'être, now exist only in the name of the present situation.

The other gates, grim monuments of the past, are the Bab el Abd-el-Saleh, Bab el Hatters, and Bab-el-Sadjen, towards the Bardo Palace, which is the present seat of government, two miles from the city proper; the Bab el Adina, under the citadel; the Bab el Sid el Alewa, on the road to Zaghouan; and the Bab-el-Soukka, on the coast road. All these gates are guarded by soldiers, and one never tires of watching the strange processions that are constantly filing through them—camels, dromedaries of the desert, donkeys laden from head to tail, wonderfully caparisoned with red and blue, and Turkish, Moorish, Nubian, native Jew and European, each in the peculiar costume of his nation. The narrow canal, cut across the strip of land which separates the Gulf of Tunis from El Behira—the shallow lake on whose farther shore the city is situated—is commanded by a strong castle and several detached batteries. There are also the three forts built in the time of Charles V.—Borj Mansour, Borj Filitia and Borj-el-Rebia—the latter an extraordinary specimen of medieval military architecture. The twin hills back of the town are each crowned with a fortress—that of Sidi bel Hussein being the oldest and quaintest, and therefore most interesting, although modern munitions of warfare would no doubt knock it to pieces like an egg-shell.

The city is divided into quarters, distinct and separate, occupied by the respective nationalities that comprise its population—Italians, Maltese, Greeks, French, Moors, Arabs, Turks, Berbers and Nubians, numerically in the order named, fully one-fifth of the whole number being native Jews. The Europeans live at the southeast end, where the streets are wider, better paved, and as we cannot get inside of any of them, they are of little interest to the foreigner. The mosque of the Bey, called Turbet el-Bey, is worth visiting. It has a great number of domes, all covered with gorgeous green tiles, and the interior is wonderfully decorated by plinth, pilasters and entablature of rose colored marble, sculptured in the Italian style.

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runners, or middlemen, and provide yourself with endless and imperturbable patience, expecting to haggle hours over the smallest purchase and to finally pay less than one-quarter of the price at first demanded. You need not trouble yourself to study the native money, as French coins—so much more easily understood, are actively current. It is well, however, to remember that the Tunisian piastre is exchanged at the rate of one and a half piastres for one franc. The most famous of the bazaars are the Souk-el-Attarin, or market of the perfumers, the Souk-el-Turk, where arms are sold; and the Souk-el-Serail, or bazaar of the saddlers, full of splendid embroidery on leather. The trade of Tunis, both foreign and domestic, is something amazing. Its linen and woolen and re-carp manufactures alone employ upwards of thirty thousand people, and its morocco leather embroidery and perfume distilleries as many more. Among its exports are also sponges, tunny-fish, gold-dust, senna, wax, hides and slabs of soap. This city is the center of the caravan trade of northern Africa, and nothing can be more interesting than to stand at one of the great gates and observe the life and movement of these peculiar means of commercial travel. Toward evening, oriental life may be seen at its best in the Halfa-ouine, or central square, where Moors and Arabs, Greeks, Nubians and all the rest of them, come to smoke their chibouques and drink their coffee, enjoy solemn games of chess and listen to the interminable tales of professional story tellers.

Another most interesting place to the American visitor is the Protestant cemetery of St. George, belonging to England, but used by other Protestant nations. It is in the Maltese quarter and you must go to the British consulate for the keys. It was here that John Howard Payne, author of "Home Sweet Home" was first buried, and here may still be seen the monument which "this grateful country" tardily translated for the keys. It was here that John Howard Payne, author of "Home Sweet Home" was first buried, and here may still be seen the monument which "this grateful country" tardily translated for the keys. It was here that John Howard Payne, author of "Home Sweet Home" was first buried, and here may still be seen the monument which "this grateful country" tardily translated for the keys.

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WALKER'S STORE.

(Store closes Wednesday afternoons at 2 p. m. Open Saturday evenings.)

MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST which you can ill afford to pass are placed in line for the week's selling. It's not a question of the loss incurred through reductions like these, but rather the added power such bargains give us for larger operations and the changing of stock.

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Scissors
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Writing Tablets

Shoes
Boys' Coats
Men's Rubber Coats
Men's Trousers
Cushion Covers

Silks
Dress Goods
Wrappers
Night Gowns
Corset Covers
Shirt Waists

Notion Necessities Cheapened.

The notion store will be alive with interest this week. The dainty little things one can pick up for small cost makes it well worth the trip; and besides the dainty things there are always useful articles your daily need is calling for, but which you're almost sure to forget unless reminded of them—we'll tell you of some of them now:

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An advance line of novelty cushion covers has just reached us. They're an out of the ordinary thing of a peculiar kind of crepe and have prints of interesting Japanese subjects and strange geometrical designs. We should think them to be quite serviceable, but be that as it may, they bear marks of striking originality. Size is 24 inches square and they are marked to sell at 35 and 50c each.

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LOUISINE SILK, the most durable, the least crushable, the newest weave of all silks is out tomorrow and rest of week bidding for takers at a third off.

If you buy silks at all, these, by reason of their many qualities lay first claim to your attention; their most striking peculiarity—which may be called a virtue—is that of smoothing out so beautifully after a severe crushing or rumpling. We show thirty different shades in plain, check, figure and brocade. A waist, a skirt or a full gown will be a good investment now, for they forecast a high degree of favor for fall wear. They've been selling at \$1.40 and \$1.50 the yard, but Monday \$1.00

SICILIAN and BRILLIANTINES—Suitable for entire gown, separate skirt without lining and nothing in the world to equal them for bathing suits. We have them in two shades of navy blue and medium dark grey. For the week the saving in price is this—

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Fyles—The Theater and Its People.
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Paret—The Woman's Book of Sports.
Poe—Works. Buckner Edition, six volumes.
Racine—Dramatic Works, translated by Boswell.
Robinson—The Philippines: The War and the People.
Rothwell—The Mineral Industry for 1900.
Seton-Thompson—Bird Portraits. (Reference).
Whymper—Scrambles Amongst the Alps.
Worcester—Book of Genesis in the Light of Modern Knowledge.

FICTION.
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Crownshield—Valencia's Garden.
Gibbs—In Search of Mademoiselle.
Hagard—Lyabell.
Kester—The Manager of the B. & A. London—The God of His Fathers.
McCutcheon—Graveyard.
Rizal—An Eagle's Flight.
Venable—A Dream of Empire.

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Shanghai-side, Peking-side, Tientsin-side, etc. "Where" is "What-side." "Where is it?" "What-side have got?" "Chow-chow" means food and to eat. "To squeeze" not only implies physical compression, but also to exact a commission. "To squeeze too much" is to cheat. "To be pretty" is to be "good looking." "To be ugly" "bad looking," or "no good looking."—San Francisco Call.

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